

2018 Municipal Election – October 22



Guide and Information for Voters

This guide is prepared for information purposes only.
Reference should always be made to the applicable legislation and regulation.

#wrvotes



1. Introduction

The next municipal election will be held on **October 22, 2018**.

Every four years, the City of Cambridge conducts elections for the offices of:

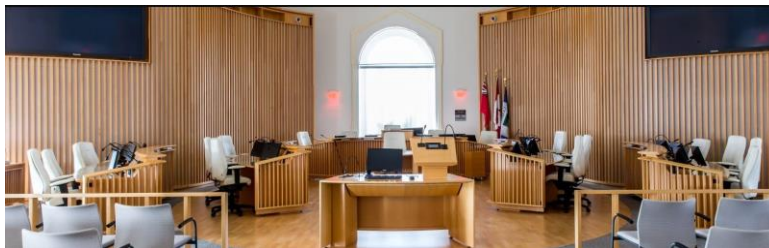
- Mayor
- Ward Councillor (8 Councillors)
- Regional Chair
- Regional Councillor (2 Regional Councillors)

School Trustee for:

- Waterloo Region District School Board (3 Trustees)
- Waterloo Catholic District School Board (3 Trustees)
- Conseil scolaire Viamonde (1 Trustee)
- Conseil scolaire catholique MonAvenir (1 Trustee)

The City is comprised of 8 wards, represented by Ward Councillors, plus the Mayor who is elected at-large. The Mayor represents the City of Cambridge on Regional Council, and local voters also elect 2 Regional Councillors at-large.

For the 2018 municipal election, eligible voters will be able to vote at a pre-determined polling site on Election Day (October 22, 2018) or online during the two-week period (approximate) leading up to Election Day. In addition, there will be advanced voting periods held on October 3, 6, 10 and 13, respectively.



2. Question on the Ballot

During the 2018 municipal election, voters in the City of Cambridge will have their say on ranked ballot voting. The following question will appear on your ballot:

Are you in favour of the City of Cambridge using a ranked ballot system for the 2022 municipal election?

YES

NO

[Learn more about ranked ballot voting.](#)

3. Can I vote?

You can vote if:

- you are a resident of the City of Cambridge or you are the owner or tenant of land here, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- you are a Canadian citizen;
- you are at least 18 years old; and
- you are not legally prohibited from voting

4. Before Election Day

 **Make sure you're on the voters' list**

To ensure you are registered to vote, visit: www.voterlookup.ca.

If your information needs to be updated or you would like to change your school support, please complete an [Application to Amend the Voters' List](#).

 **Watch for your voter information card**

Prior to the election, you will be sent a voter information card in the mail.

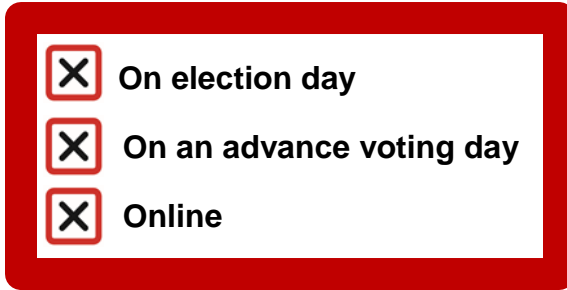
The card tells you:

- ways to vote (advance polls, election day and internet)
- where your polling place is located
- when to vote

Remember to bring this card to the polling place with you if you choose to vote in-person.

If you don't receive a card, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 519-740-4680 or by email at election2018@cambridge.ca.

5. What are the ways to vote?



On election day

- Your polling place will be listed on your voter information card
- Polls are open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Getting to the voting location

- You will find accessible parking spaces at each voting location clearly marked with the International Symbol of Access
- You will also find that each voting location is also located on or near a bus route for easy use of public transportation

Getting into the voting location

- An easily navigable route will be clearly marked for entry into the voting location and into the voting area within the location
- Appropriate signage will be displayed
- Voting locations have been scouted using accessibility criteria

Inside the voting location

- Seating areas are provided throughout the voting location
- If you are bringing a support person to help you, please identify him/her to the election staff when you register. Your support person may be required to take an oath in order to assist you to vote in a secure manner
- If you are bringing a service animal with you, please remember to bring documentation to confirm its service animal status, if this is not readily apparent. Documentation can be a letter signed by a regulated health professional.

✘ On an advance voting day

October 3, 2018 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall (Bowman Room)

October 6, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Hespeler Arena and Preston Auditorium, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall (Bowman Room)

October 10, 2018 between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall (Bowman Room)

October 13, 2018 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Hespeler Arena and Preston Auditorium, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall (Bowman Room)

Accessible voting devices will be available on advanced voting days at Cambridge City Hall, Bowman Room. Accessible voting options are outlined in Section 9 of this guide.

✘ Online

- Online voting will be open from October 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. until October 22, 2018 at 7:59 p.m.
- Register at the website provided on your voter information card by entering your last name and the ID number provided. After registering, you will receive a username and password via email
- Log in to the website using your username and password to cast your vote

6. What ID should I take with me?

To vote, you need to prove your identity and address:

- **Show one piece of identification with your photo, name and address.** For example, your driver's licence, your Ontario Photo Health Card or your Ontario Photo ID card.

OR

- **Show two pieces of identification.** Both pieces must have your name, and one must also have your address.

Check out our election website for a list of [identity and residence qualifying documents](#).

7. What happens when I go to vote?

1. Show your proof of identity and address at the poll.
2. The election worker will give you a secrecy folder containing your ballot.
3. Proceed to the voting booth, mark your ballot, place your ballot back in the secrecy folder and proceed to the vote tabulator.
4. Election staff will insert your ballot in the vote tabulator.



What happens to your vote when you vote in-person?

- The vote tabulator keeps a running total of votes cast
- This total is maintained on the memory data card stored in the vote tabulator
- Upon close of voting, the memory data card will be transferred to a central database. The voting results will then be combined and tabulated to produce the final results for the election for each office

What happens to your vote when you vote online?

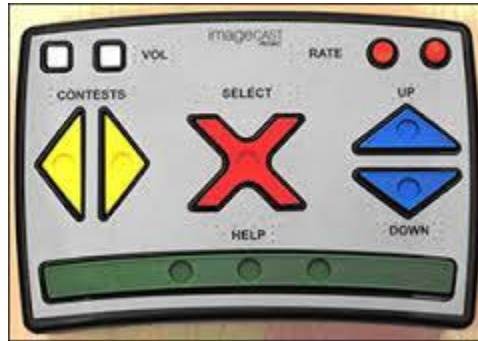
- At the end of the voting period, the company overseeing the online voting – Dominion Voting—will tally the votes and provide the results to the municipality, which will be combined with the ballot tally on Election Day

8. Special Voting Places

The City of Cambridge has made arrangements to hold early and special hours of voting for a number of retirement homes, long-term care homes and the hospital.

Contact us for more information at 519-740-4680 or by email at election2018@cambridge.ca.

9. Accessible Voting Options



The City of Cambridge provides voting tools and services to make voting accessible.

1. Paddles

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot will be indicated on the screen and voters press on paddles to indicate their choice to vote.

2. Thumb-switch / Joystick Method

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot is read out in the audio device and allows ease of use for voters with visual disabilities.

3. Sip-and-Puff

This system involves electronic ballot cards that are inserted into counting machines. The list of candidates and the question on the ballot is indicated on the screen and voters sip or puff on a tube device to indicate their choice to vote.

4. Proxy Voting

If you are unable to vote in person or online, you may appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf. The form to appoint a proxy will be available at the Clerk's office and on the City's [election website](#) after September 17, 2018.

10. Voter Checklist

- Make sure you're on the voters' list by visiting www.voterlookup.ca
- Check the [list of the candidates](#) running in the 2018 municipal election
- Learn more about the [question on the ballot](#)
- Watch for your voter information card in the mail
- Choose how you plan to vote
- Check that you have the right ID
- Mark your calendar with the key dates

11. Contact Information

For more information about the 2018 municipal election, please contact the City Clerk's Office as follows:

Telephone: 519-760-4680

Email: election2018@cambridge.ca

Internet: www.cambridge.ca/election

In-person: 50 Dickson Street, Second Floor
PO Box 669
Cambridge, ON
N1R 5W8

www.cambridge.ca/election